

Private Camera Registration Requested

Schiller Park has initiated a Camera Registration Program which allows residents and businesses to register a private security camera system with the police department. Law enforcement will contact you if they feel your camera may have video that could help them investigate a traffic accident, an infrastructure malfunction, or other incidents. If you are interested in participating, complete the Camera Registration Form at www.villageofschillerpark.com.



The Village is pleased to welcome the new Dollar Tree store to our community. Dollar Tree is located at 9308 W. Irving Park Road in the Schiller Commons, next door to Aldi Foods.



Village officials and staff cut the ribbon to welcome Quick Mobile to 9446 W. Irving Park Road. Quick Mobile is a one stop shop for all cell phone and electronic repair needs.



Four Seasons Car Wash is open for business at 4158 Old River Road. Give them a try; they offer everything to get your car clean.



Mayor's Corner



The Village Board and administration have made one of our new year's resolutions to review, modernize and improve Village services wherever possible. Consequently, we are pleased to announce that we have launched an exciting and new online "Service Request System." Residents and businesses can now quickly report problems or concerns via the Village's website. The request will be directed to the appropriate department, and Village staff will be aware of the issue in real time. In addition, you will be notified regarding the progress and status of your request. You can find more information on Page 2 of this newsletter. We look forward to bringing even more innovations to our Village services this year.

SAFE NEIGHBORS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORHOODS

There has been an increased focus on public health and safety in the last two years. Neighbors came together to follow health protocols due to the COVID pandemic, and we placed an emphasis on the health of our families and our neighbors. The Village administration has been committed not only to the public health of our residents and community, but also committed to our community's public safety and ensuring that Schiller Park remains a safe and peaceful place to reside and conduct business. This includes following everyday traffic rules and regulations.

Our community suffered a heartbreaking loss of life on December 25. A beloved and long-time Schiller Park resident from the Grace Park community was killed by a hit-and-run driver as he was crossing Irving Park Road. I thank our police department for their hard work in investigating the tragedy and making an arrest.

This event should serve as a reminder to all drivers to slow down, be aware of road conditions, and always obey traffic signs. We must be cognizant of pedestrians. While children playing outside or seniors crossing the street may not be aware of traffic or may not move quickly, drivers need to be aware of all surroundings and always proceed with caution. Some of our citizens may be hearing or sight impaired and others may simply be distracted. It is the responsibility of all drivers to be cautious and to remember that the pedestrian always has the right-of-way.

Pedestrians, please do your part and cross the street in designated crosswalks, obey traffic signals, and always proceed with caution. Being cautious whether you are a driver or pedestrian is an easy but important way to help keep our streets and neighborhoods safe.

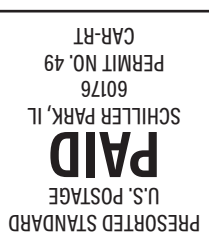
GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - GIVE BLOOD

The American Red Cross, which provides 40% of the nation's blood supply, is warning that the nation is facing its worst blood shortage in more than a decade due to the pandemic. This crisis in supply is threatening patient care and is forcing doctors to make choices about who can receive blood transfusions.

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Mayor Caiifa, members of the Board, and the Village Manager recently toured the new Washington School building to see construction progress with Superintendent Dr. Kim Boryszewski, District 81 staff, representatives from Bulley & Andrews, and DLA Architects.



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If you are able, please consider donating at the **Village’s Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 15 from 1 pm to 7 pm at the Community Center** located at 4501 N. 25th Avenue. For more information or to schedule a donation call (877) 258-4825 or visit www.vitalant.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

In closing, I know we are frustrated and hope that we are nearing the end of this pandemic. But for now, we must continue to follow all COVID mitigations and to quarantine after exposure to the virus. Below is a list of free COVID resources now available.

Let’s continue to stay safe, get vaccinated, and get boosted.

Mayor Nick Caiafa

New Online Service Request System Available

The Village has launched a new service request system to allow residents to report a problem or concern through the website. The comprehensive reporting system includes dozens of categories of common concerns or issues and involves key staff across all departments.

To use the system, visit the homepage of the Village website at www.villageofschillerpark.com select the “Service Request System” button. Next, select a problem or concern category, such as Trees, Garbage Service, or Street Maintenance. Users can explain the problem, provide a location, and even submit a photo. Users must supply an email address to receive direct feedback on the status of their request which will be processed as soon as possible. Residents that prefer to have staff submit their request for them need to call Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 for assistance.

If you have questions, call (847) 671-8534 or email bbursiek@schillerparkil.us.

Property Tax Exemption Automatically Renewed

In response to COVID-19, the Cook County Assessor’s Office announced that it will provide automatic renewal of the Senior Freeze, Veterans with Disabilities, and Persons with Disabilities Exemptions on upcoming tax bills. Also, the Homeowner and Senior Exemptions will continue to auto-renew every year. If a homeowner received any of these five exemptions last year (tax year 2020), they do not need to reapply this year (tax year 2021). Also, first-time homeowners in Cook County may be eligible for exemptions. To learn more about these exemptions, visit www.cookcountyassessor.com/exemptions.

Water Bill Payment Update

If you are enrolled in the Village’s automatic payment program for water and sewer service and you have received a new account number or routing number due to a bank merge, please be sure to update this information on your account to ensure payments are processed and to avoid the Village incurring bank fees for a failure to update the new information.

Are you not enrolled to authorize automatic payments for your water bills but would like to? Signing up is easy. Complete the “Automatic Payment Plan” authorization form on our Village website, attach a voided copy of a check which indicates the checking account to be debited, and bring it or mail it to the Village Hall. You may access the form on the website by searching for “automatic water” in the search bar in the upper right corner of the pages.

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Save the Date - Eggstravaganza Parade on April 16

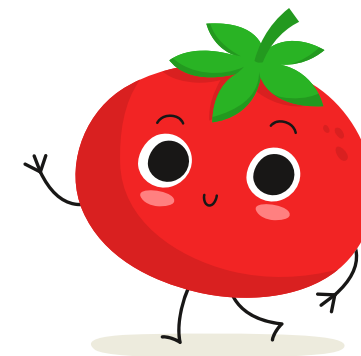
Mayor Nick Caiafa invites everyone to join the fun and watch the Village’s Eggstravaganza Parade on Saturday, April 16. The Parade is tentatively set to kick-off at 10 am and will replace the Easter Egg Hunt. Residents should listen for sirens to signal the parade’s arrival. Village vehicles will drive the Easter Bunny and friends through the streets of Schiller Park. Small treat bags will be given to children. Final details and the parade route map with the approximate schedule will be available in early April. Please watch our Village Facebook page and check our website for updates and the map. Maps will also be available at the front counters of Village offices in early April.



Reserve a Garden Plot in the Village’s Community Garden

Would you like to grow your own vegetables, flowers, and herbs but you don’t have the space? The Recreation Department will be hosting a Community Garden beginning this Spring! Residents can now reserve a garden plot. Participants must commit to regularly maintaining their plot.

To participate, you must reside in Schiller Park and be 18 years or older. If you would like to reserve a garden plot, call (847) 671- 8580. If the Recreation Department receives more registrations than space available, names will be drawn by lottery.



Summer Camp and Pool Information

We are all thinking about warmer weather which will arrive sooner than you think. The Village’s Recreation Department has two updates about the summer events:

- The Anna Montana Water Park and Memorial Pool is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, June 11. Passes will go on sale May 1.
- The Schiller Park Recreation Department will be offering summer camp options for children ages 3 to 13 years old.

Detailed information about the summer camps and pool passes will be included in the Recreation Department’s Summer Brochure which will be available in April. Be sure to check the Village website at www.villageofschillerpark.com for its release.

Apply Now for Summer Jobs with the Village



The Village of Schiller Park is currently accepting applications for seasonal summer positions including aquatic staff, summer day camp counselors, and park maintenance. To obtain an application, please visit the Village website at www.villageofschillerpark.com

COVID RESOURCES AVAILABLE NOW

Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Free at-home COVID-19 tests are available now to every household in the U.S. You may order up to four free tests. They should arrive through the U.S. Postal Service within 7 to 12 days. If you live in a multi-unit building, include your apartment or unit number in your address. You do not need to provide insurance information, your social security number, or any other sensitive data.

Order your tests today so that you and your family will have them if needed. Place your order at www.covidtests.gov.

Free Face Masks – Where to Get Them

The federal government is distributing KN95 face masks through area retail pharmacies in Chicago and Cook County. Retail partners include Albertsons, including Jewel-Osco, Costco, CVS, Mariano’s, Meijer’s, Walgreens, and Walmart (including Sam’s Club). Due to high demand, it is recommended to call ahead to check availability.

In Home Vaccinations Offered

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is offering in-home vaccinations for residents of Suburban Cook County who are unable to leave home due to age, disability, or medical impairment. Residents can register online at vaccine.cookcountyil.gov or by calling (833) 308-1988, Monday through Friday, from 7 am until 6 pm and on Saturdays from 7 am until 4 pm.

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